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APPLICANT:

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## PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(1)

MAIL STOP AFTER FINAL Commissioner for Patents P.O.Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003 for one month from November 20, 2003 to December 20, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00, covering the fee for a one-month extension for a Small Entity is enclosed herewith. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

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